

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 3 and 4 (underneath the title) insert –  
Background of the Invention –;

Between lines 23 and 24 insert – Summary of the Invention –;

Change page 3, line 25 – page 4, line 5 to read as follows:

– According to another embodiment, the object of the invention is met in a damping device ~~according to the precharacterising part of claim 1 in that~~ for movable furniture parts, for example for doors or drawers, comprising a piston or plunger which is slidably guided in a hollow body, e.g., a cylinder, with the piston or plunger being impinged upon by spring force into its pushed-out position, and the piston comprises an axial borehole and at least one section of a spiral shaped stay of the internal screw thread while the plunger comprises at least one section of a spiral-shaped stay of the external screw thread; ~~in that~~ the piston or the plunger is guided in the hollow body so as to be axially slidable and rotatable while the other part is axially slidable and non-rotatable; ~~in that~~ the rotatably guided piston or plunger comprises coupling devices which can be coupled, in the pushed-out position of the rotatable piston or plunger, with countercoupling devices of an element which is rotatable in the hollow body against resistance; and ~~in that~~ the pitch of the screw-thread stays exceeds the pitch at which self-locking occurs.–;

Page 5, between lines 10 and 11 insert – Brief Description of the Drawings –; and

Page 6, between lines 15 and 16 insert – Description of the Preferred Embodiments –.